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Title: Need to declare chalk as a minor mineral.

SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR (VADODARA): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, the Gujarat Mineral Industries Association, and the Porbandar District Mine-owners and Manufacturers Association have represented to declare chalk as a minor mineral instead of a major mineral. The proposal to consider chalk a minor mineral instead of a major mineral has been sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Mines, on 10th January, 2006 with a subsequent reminder on 31st May, 2006. I urge upon the Government of India to examine the matter and take early action.